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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Serial No.: Unassigned

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For: ION SEPARATION USING A SURFACE-TREATED XEROGEL

The Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the subject application, please amend the same as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title to read --ION SEPARATION USING FUNCTIONALIZED GEL--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, lines 1-3, change "funded in part by a government grant from the Small Business Administration and the U.S. government retains certain rights to this invention" to ~~f~~made with Government support under Contract No. DE-FG02-97ER82409 awarded by the Department of Energy. The Government has certain rights to this invention↔.

Page 1, please delete lines 4-6 and insert the following new section:

↔Cross-Reference To Related Application

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This application is the National Phase entry, 35 USC 371, of International PCT application, PCT/JP99/02181, filed February 3, 1999, and designating the United States which claims priority from United States provisional application Serial No. 60-074026, filed February 9, 1998.↔